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In re Patent Application of:
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For: INSTRUMENT HANDLE FOR STORING
SUTURE AND NEEDLES

Examiner: M. R. Tyson

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.